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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

by Al Munro (written Mon. Oct. 16, 2006)

Summer has gone and winter is almost upon us. We awoke to our first snowfall in Calgary today and the lawns and trees are covered in snow, although not all the leaves have fallen yet from the trees. My wife, Marion and I have had a very busy summer. We spent the entire month of June in Great Britain. Hopefully we will be able to visit this area of the world again. We then spent two weeks in Niagara Falls, Ontario attending the Canadian Numismatic Association convention and visiting friends in the area. Ross did a good job of covering the convention and I remind everyone that the convention, and thus our CAWMC annual meeting, will again be in Niagara Falls in 2007. It would be great if a few more of our 'woodie' friends were able to join us next year. Speaking of Niagara Falls, the area around Fort Erie, where our friends live, and Buffalo received a huge amount of snow this weekend and are still recovering from the snow on Monday although Niagara Falls, only twenty miles away, did not receive any.

The rest of our summer has gone quickly, with yard work, including putting in a new fence, replacing the floor of our garage at the cottage, and putting in a new sidewalk at our Calgary home. I did find time to visit a few garage sales on weekends and I had a few excellent numismatic finds including an interesting American wooden nickel from Alaska.

We have just finished celebrating our Canadian Thanksgiving and by the time you read this it will be less than two months until Christmas. The snow this morning has reminded me that it is time to order our wooden Christmas cards. Anyone else who wishes to issue wooden Christmas cards is reminded to contact your supplier, if you have not already done so. When you issue a wooden Christmas card, I request that you *advise your editor* regarding number issued etc., along *with the details of availability* if you wish to make them available to other collectors.

In closing, I remind you again that Timber Talk is the life line of our hobby and I continue to ask, on behalf of our editor, that you take a few minutes and write a short article for inclusion in the bulletin. The article need only have some close relationship to the collecting of 'woods'. Why not briefly relate an experience on how you discovered a new wood for your collection!

COMMENTS FROM THE EDITOR:

This month's newsletter has a bit of everything. Don't forget to *renew your subscription* to C.A.W.M.C. for the year 2007 (see page 2). *Dave Gillespie* has dug out some old CAWMC related history that appeared in 'Bunyan's Chips', our American counterpart, I.O.W.M.C. *The article was dated Feb. 1986* (see page 6). *Lou Vesh* writes about his latest, laborious 'labour of love' (see page 3). *David Phillips* has again provided an interesting article on the 'dogs' of Alaska. More pictures are shown from our C.A.W.M.C. annual meeting in Niagara Falls.

PAST PRESIDENTS:

Garry Braunwarth – 1975-1977

Victor Hall – 1977-1979

Don Robb – 1979-1981

Stan Clute – 1981-1983

Neil Probert – 1983-1985

Norm Belsten – 1985-1991

Pat White – 1991-1995

Lou Vesh – 1995-2001

Earl Salterio – 2001-2003

Norm Belsten – 2003-2005

RENEWAL TIME FOR C.A.W.M.C.

It's that time of the year again. *Al Munro*, our *membership chairman*, will be looking for your *membership renewal form and funds* in the mail. To assist with this, included with this newsletter is a renewal form. Please take time to mail it off to Al now. We want to retain all of our current members as well as adding new. Do it now before you forget. *Al's address is on the form.*

CHRISTMAS WOODS?

As *Al* has mentioned in his *President's Message*, if you are having a Christmas wood made, *send along the wood, or a picture of it* as well as the information to acquire it, to me, your editor, so it can be shown in a future newsletter.

The picture, below, was taken, as breakfast was served, at our CAWMC, annual, breakfast meeting in Niagara Falls this past July. You may recognize a few individuals in the picture.

**CAWMC OFFICERS**

President: AL MUNRO
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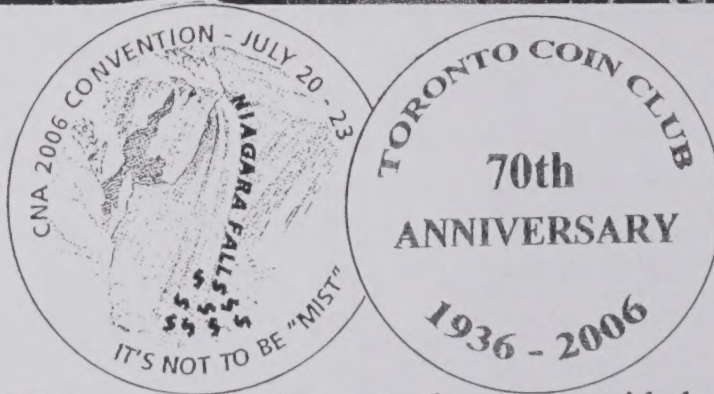
APPOINTED OFFICERS

Editor: ROSS KINGDON
 Fund Raiser: LOU VESH
 Auction Coordinator: AL MUNRO

DUES: Membership dues in the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors are:

Canadian Residents: \$10.00 Canadian Funds
 United States Residents: \$10.00 U.S. Funds
 International Members Rate (outside of Canada and U.S.): \$20.00 Canadian Funds
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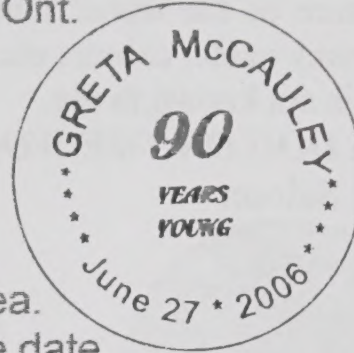
This month's free wood was provided by CAWMC member *John Regitko* and the *Canadian Numismatic Association*. The wood was distributed at the recent C.N.A. convention in Niagara Falls. It is quite a thick wood (5mm) and is blue in colour both sides. *Thank you, John* for this wood.

MY WOODEN NICKEL'S WORTH..... *by Lou Vesh*

Although Greta McCauley's actual birthday was June 27th, (as shown on the wooden nickel), the big celebration party wasn't held until August 26, 2006, the day the woods were officially issued. The adjusted date was probably to better accommodate those who had school age children and those who came from far and wide, or both. To historically complicate matters even more so, Greta McCauley currently lives in Oshawa, Ont.

Her son, who ordered the woods, lives in Marmora, Ont. The woods were handed out at the Nesbitt Community Centre in Minden, Ont. where the party was held! Mrs. McCauley grew up in the Highlands and many of her older friends live in the area.

Nine asterisks were used in and around the date, each representing a decade of her age. With precious little time for design planning, the balloons had to be hand painted by brush to give some colour to the finished product. That method wouldn't have been my first preference. With an end quantity of 366, that multiplies into 1,830 hand painted balloons! It was, by far, the most laborious portion of the whole production. Is there be a better way?



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C.A.W.M.C. President, *Al Munro* (left) and *Norm Belsten*, our Canadian 'Woods' catalogue keeper, conduct the auction at our recent July 2006 annual meeting in Niagara Falls.

THE "DOGS OF ALASKA" WOODS:

by David Phillips

Recently, when working on my Alaska woods collection, I realized there were many Alaska woods on which there were dogs depicted. Dogs were either in the name of the establishment on the wood, or pictures of dogs on the wood, or in some cases, incorporating both features on one wood.

I thought that separating the three categories and listing them, with pictures of each wood, might be of interest to others, hence this article.

The woods are listed in alphabetical order by location, with only the name of the issuing establishment noted with a picture of the wood. I have not attempted to give any details about the woods, e.g. when issued, how many made, colours etc. This would be too lengthy an article, and quite frankly a lot of that information is not known to me.

1. **DOG IN NAME** with a **DOG ON THE WOOD**:

a) **FOX** – Howling Dog Saloon



b) **JUNEAU** – Red Dog Saloon



c) **NAKNEK** – Red Dog Saloon



d) **TOK** – Young's Husky Lounge

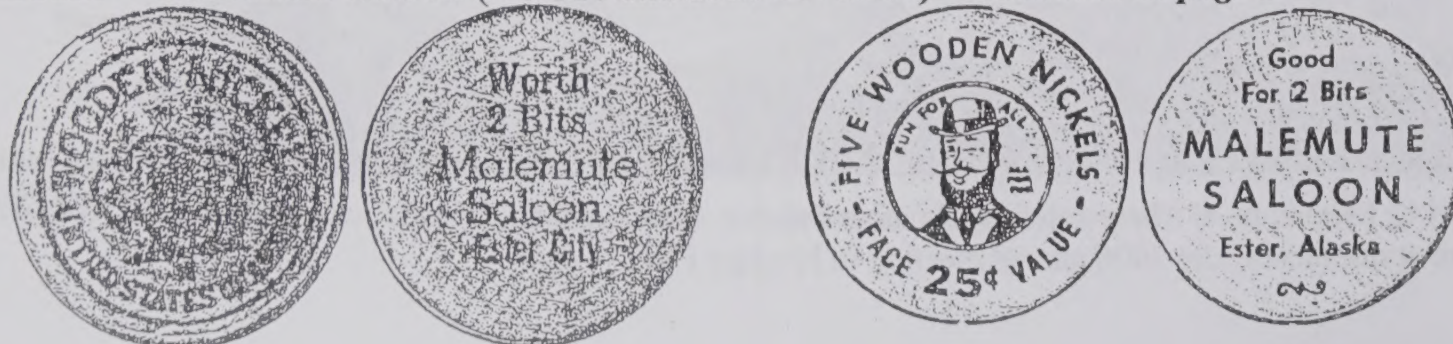


e) **MILE 49, PARKS HWY.** – Dead Dog Saloon

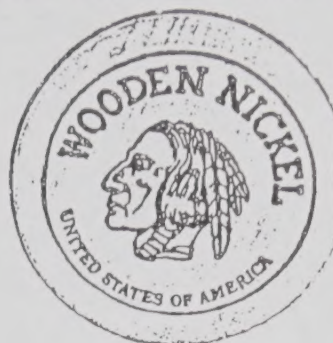


2) **DOG IN NAME** with **NO DOG ON THE WOOD**:

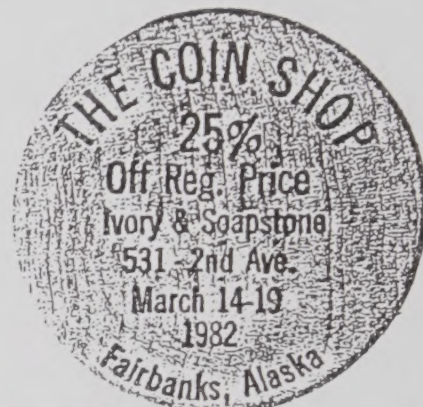
a) **ESTER** – Malemute Saloon (FOUR different obverses) – *continued on page 5*



DOGS IN NAME with NO DOG ON THE WOOD: ESTER – Malemute Saloon -continued from page 4

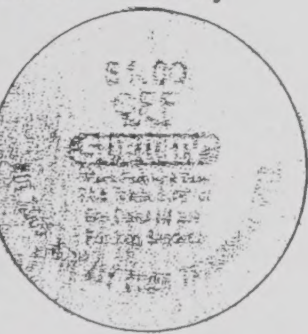
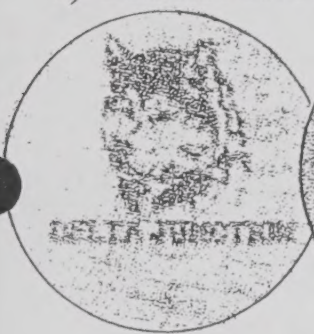


b) **HOMER SPIT** – Salty Dog Saloon



3) **DOG ON WOOD** but **NO CONNECTION TO NAME**

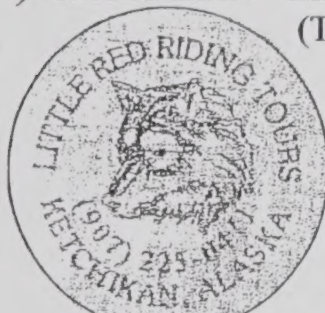
a) **DELTA JUNCTION** – Subway



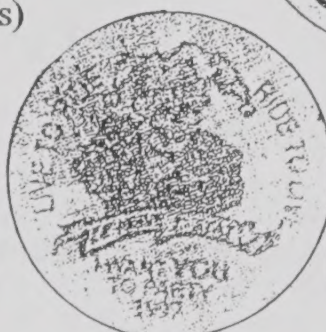
b) **FAIRBANKS** – Fairbanks Inn & The Coin Shop



c) **KETCHIKAN** – Little Red Riding Tours
(THREE different obverses)



Common Reverse



d) **NENANA** – Tripod Gift Shop (TWO different obverses)



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DOG ON WOOD but NO CONNECTION TO NAME - continued from page 5

e) No Definitive Town/City Named - Alaska, The 49th State & Yukon Quest, 1996



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Although born in the outskirts of Rouyn in northern Quebec in 1930 my roots are in the City of Port Arthur in Ontario where I grew up and received most of my formal education. (Port Arthur amalgamated with its twin city of Fort William in 1973 to become Thunder Bay.) In 1950 I struck out for Toronto to pursue a vocation in machine shop. The next 10 years saw me become well embedded in the community with a trade, a wife, a house, two mortgages and two children. Just when everything seemed rosy the Canadian aircraft industry took a

nosedive and left me unemployed. The machine trade was never the same for me. In 1961 I was accepted into the Royal Canadian Mounted Police where I served until my discharge in 1984.

Unlike many who began collecting at a tender age I did not become interested in numismatics until the age of 35. My collecting began with Canadian decimals in a rather hodge podge way until the price of silver went out of sight. I switched to trade dollars for a couple of years then decided to join a wooden money club, (C.A.W.M.C.) in 1980. My interest in woods has grown steadily since then. Having met so many interesting collectors at "The Friendly Wooden Money Show" at Niagara Falls in 1983, I decided to join the I.O.W.M.C. Though not as competitive as some, I enjoy the meetings and camaraderie that goes with the hobby. The number of fine people I have met "in the woods" is too numerous to mention, but I would be remiss if I did not pay tribute to Norm Wells, who gave me my first wood when I didn't have a wooden nickel to my name.

My first attempt at manufacturing a wood was in 1982 on the occasion of our son's wedding. By mid 1983 I switched from rubber stamping to the hot stamp method for better clarity and greater versatility in colors. Manufacturing woods is not a business with me but I have enjoyed the challenge of making all my own issues thus far.

Still employed with the Canadian Federal Government my current "extra curricular" endeavor is building a retirement home which hopefully will all come together in a couple of years.